

DISTRICT 13 NEWSLETTER

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The next District meeting is Wednesday July 12th at 7:00pm.

Regular location: Lake George Town Center rear entrance, 20 Old Post Rd., Lake George.

All AA members are welcome. Why not bring a newcomer and hear what's new in AA!

***Please be advised that monthly district meeting have switched to second Wednesday of month.
We ask Group Chairs or GSR's to bring this Newsletter to their Group Meetings.***

Step 6 – Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.

Tradition 6 (long form) – Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals, as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A.—and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one.

Concept VI (long form) - On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.

District 13 is deeply grateful to the Groups and Members who contribute to our AA service work.

There are 60 AA Groups in District 13 - now with 80 AA meetings each and every week. Even the most modest contribution would greatly help, if only your group would consider donating when able.

All contributions are acknowledged by letters from District 13, Area 48 and GSO. District 13 also lists contributions in its Treasurer's Report and Newsletter. Historical contribution share has been 60% District; 30% Area & 10% GSO.

Contributions can be sent to:

District 13

HMB Area 48

General Service Office (GSO)

P. O. Box 4335, Queensbury, NY 12804

118 Polar Plaza #114, Route 30, Amsterdam, NY 12010

P. O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163

GSO contributions also can be made on-line at: www.aa.org and click on 'contributions' icon

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Hotline: Consider having your group or members volunteer for a time slot.

Corrections: Consider donating old issues of grapevine or soft cover AA books for correctional facilities. *Looking for WOMEN volunteers to bring meetings into jails, see District 13 Corrections service info sheet below. Meetings at Warren County cannot begin until both men and women volunteer slots are filled. Please spread the word so we can carry the message into our local correctional facilities.*

Webmaster: New District 13 website has launched! Check it out at: <http://district13.aahmbny.org/>

Dance/Events: Stay tuned for the next event and consider volunteering to help!

Meeting Notes

New Meetings: Monday Quarry House Women's Book Study at 5:30pm, Monday Vantage Point at 7pm (12&12); Tuesday Quarry House at 5pm (Living Sober)

Crandall Street meetings, The Bay Road Literature Monday 7:00PM, Original Warrensburg Group Tues. 8:00PM, and The Hudson Falls Group Tuesday 7:00 PM *all need some support.* Give them a try.

Events

Yonder Hill Picnic Saturday July 15th 12-6pm
Usher Park, Lake George
Food, Fun, Fellowship – Bring a dish!

HMB Convention November 3-5, 2017
Ramada Conference Center, 542 Route 9, Fishkill, NY 12524

HMB Area 48 Events available at:
<https://aahmbny.org/>

Please email any group anniversaries and events to district13newslettereditor@gmail.com.

PLEASE CONSIDER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR DISTRICT 13 !!

*****Records Chair*****

Need to talk to someone at District 13?

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HMB District 13
Treasury Report
End of May, 2017

Opening Balance - May 1, 2017		355.78
Contributions		
	Schroon Lake Group	39.00
	Alive Again Group	60.00
	Rd To Happy Destiny Group	30.00
	Saturday Eye Opener Group	120.00
	Spiritual Awakening Group	70.00
Total		319.00
Reimbursements		
	HMB Area (meeting expense reimbursement)	286.85
Total		286.85
Expenses		
	Rent	25.00
	Kingsbury Printing	14.09
	Contact Communications	121.98
	Verizon	27.15
Total		188.22
Opening Balance		355.78
Contributions		319.00
Reimbursements		286.85
Expenses		188.22
Month End Balance		773.41
Prudent Reserve		250.00
Total Above Prudent Reserve		523.41
Closing Balance - May 31, 2017		773.41

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District 13 Corrections Service Info Sheet

Requirements:

Please have 6 months of consecutive sobriety.

If you have served time in either jail, they ask that you not volunteer in that particular jail.

WARREN COUNTY

The meeting for **both male and female** inmates would be held at the same time on **Mondays 6:30 to 7:30 pm.**

Warren County has (4) pods, therefore will require (8) volunteers every week.

Fill out the application and return to the corrections chair. Once your application is approved you will receive an OCR # and a link to go online to make an appointment for fingerprinting. The cost for this is \$12.00.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

The meetings will be held on **Mondays 6:30–7:30 Women / 7:30–8:30 Men**

Fill out the application and return to the corrections chair. There is no fingerprinting required in this county.

- Each meeting will require (2) AA volunteers in attendance.
- Warren County has a volunteer acknowledgement form that a Correction member will go over with each representative to make them aware of what is allowed in the Facility.
- Once there are enough volunteers for each county, the Corrections Chair will make a schedule for each month.

Contact District 13 Chair Statia H. for more information!

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Excerpted from "The A.A. Group . . . Where It All Begins", a pamphlet published by A.A. World Services and available online here http://www.aa.org/en_pdfs/p-16_theaagroup.pdf

The A.A. Home Group

Traditionally, most A.A. members through the years have found it important to belong to one group which they call their "Home Group." This is the group where they accept service responsibilities and try to sustain friendships. And although all A.A. members are usually welcome at all groups and feel at home at any of these meetings, the concept of the "Home Group" has still remained the strongest bond between the A.A. member and the Fellowship.

With membership comes the right to vote upon issues that might affect the group and might also affect A.A. as a whole—a process that forms the very cornerstone of A.A.'s service structure. As with all group-conscience matters, each A.A. member has one vote; and this, ideally, is voiced through the home group.

Over the years, the very essence of A.A. strength has remained with our home group, which, for many members, becomes our extended family. Once isolated by our drinking, we find in the home group a solid, continuing support system, friends and, very often, a sponsor. We also learn firsthand, through the group's workings, how to place "principles before personalities" in the interest of carrying the A.A. message.

Talking about her own group, a member says: "Part of my commitment is to show up at my home-group meetings, greet newcomers at the door, and be available to them—not only for them but for me. My fellow group members are the people who know me, listen to me, and steer me straight when I am off in left field. They give me their experience, strength and A.A. love, enabling me to 'pass it on' to the alcoholic who still suffers."

Heard around the rooms:

Carrying the messagewhat does that include?

It is vitally important to the continued existence of our fellowship that we, as members, understand and take the actions depicted in "The Man in the Bed". Our fellow members need to be reminded that this action is how the Founders stayed sober and how AA grew in membership.

The simple fact that as members of AA, we no longer regularly take these actions is directly causal to why we are not continuing to grow in membership and why folks are dying from this disease.

Perhaps what needs to be pointed out is right in that iconic picture. Bill & Bob didn't wait for the man to come to the message. They took the message to the man.

The service of carrying this message is the secret. Spread the word.